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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace the paragraph found at page 12, lines 12-25 with the following replacement paragraph:

For example, liposomes (lipid vesicles) are formed when thin lipid films or lipid cakes are hydrated and stacks of liquid crystalline bilayers become fluid and swell. The hydrated lipid sheets detach during agitation and self-close to form large, multilamellar vesicles (LMV) which prevents interaction of water with the hydrocarbon core of the bilayer at the edges. Once these particles have formed, reducing the size of the particle requires energy input in the form of sonic energy (sonication) or mechanical energy (extrusion). Disruption of an LMV suspensions using sonic energy (sonication) typically produces small, unilamellar vesicles (SUV) with diameters in the range of 15-50nm. Lipid extrusion is a technique in which the lipid suspension is forced through a filter with a defined pore size to yield particles having a diameter near the pore size of the filter used. Such methods for preparing and handling liposomes are well known and are found, for example, in the Avanti Polar Lipids, Inc. Catalog, Edition IV, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference (see also http://avantilipids.com).

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